

matters, receiving testimony from Barry P. Barbash, Director, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission; Susan Tomasky, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Sam I. Bratton, Arkansas Public Service Commission, Little Rock; Ferd C. Meyer, Jr., Central and South West Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Martin B. Kanner, Kanner and Associates, on behalf of the Consumers for Fair Competition, and William S. Scherman, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, on behalf of the Entergy Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; Les E. LoBaugh, Jr., Pacific Enterprises, Los Angeles, California; and Larry A. Frimerman, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Columbus, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eric H. Holder Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current punitive damage award system and its effect on the legal system, the economy, and the American consumer, focusing on the RAND report on punitive damages in financial injury jury verdicts, after receiving testimony from Representative Campbell; Theodore B. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Washington, D.C., former United States Assistant Attorney General; Stephen Carroll, RAND, Santa Monica, California; and Stephen Daniels, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2117–2032; 1 private bill, H.R. 2033; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84 and H. Con. Res. 105, were introduced.

Pages H4338–39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, (H. Rept. 105–150);

Committee on Appropriations report on the Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–151); and

H. Res. 174, providing for consideration of H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act and H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act (H. Rept. 105–152).

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Journal Vote: By a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 232, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, June 23.

Pages H4290–91

Recess: The House recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 noon.

Page H4227

Riegle-Neal Amendments of 1997: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1306, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in

such State of an out-of-State bank—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H4230–31

Portrait Monument Ceremony: Agreed by unanimous consent that the authorization contained in H. Con. Res. 216, passed in the 104th Congress, relating to use of the rotunda for a ceremony to commemorate the placement of the Portrait Monument in the Capitol Rotunda, be extended to the 105th Congress, subject to concurrence by the Senate.

Pages H4231–32

Corrections Calendar—Federal Employee Life Insurance: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H4232–34

M-F-N to China: By a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 231, the House failed to pass, H.J. Res. 79, disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China.

Pages H4234–90

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of June 23.

Pages H4166–67

Department of Defense Authorization Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal

years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on June 19, 20, and 23.

Pages H4291–H4309

Agreed to the Buyer amendment that prohibits funding for the deployment of ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 30, 1998 without a request from the President or otherwise as the Congress may determine; prohibits funding for law enforcement activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina after enactment; and requires a Presidential report on political and military conditions in Bosnia not later than December 15, 1997 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 278 ayes to 148 noes, Roll No. 234).

Pages H4298–H4301, H4308–09

Rejected the Hilleary substitute amendment to the Buyer amendment that sought to prohibit funding for the deployment of ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina after December 31, 1997; allow an extension of up to 180 days by the President if he transmits a report to the Congress requesting an extension and a joint resolution is then enacted specifically approving the request; prohibit funding for law enforcement activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina after enactment; and require a Presidential report on the deployment on the ground of U.S. forces not later than October 31, 1997 (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 233).

Pages H4301–08

Agreed to H. Res. 169, as amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

Pages H3934–45

Commission On Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hoyer, Markey, Cardin, and Slaughter to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of May 7, 1997, as extended on June 12, 1997, be further extended through Tuesday, July 15, 1997. The order of the House concerning the ethics process made in order during the period beginning immediately and ending on July 15, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered

from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX, as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after July 15, 1997.

Pages H4313–14

Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

Pages H4336–37

Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4339–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4289–90, H4290–91, H4307–08, and H4308–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE—DISASTER PRONE AREAS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on The Adequacy of Available Homeowners' Insurance in Disaster Prone Areas—The Problem. Testimony was heard from Daniel Sumner, General Counsel, Department of Insurance, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Financial